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**Subject:** Re: Fw: North Pole Refinery/sulfolane.. Removal Assessment

Brandon - thanks for your reply. Could you please let Bob Whittier (the OSC in Anchorage) know that he is to coordinate with you on this site. He is a new OSC - so he may not know when to coordinate with the SA program. Can you please guide him through this.

THANKS - Sylvia

▼ Brandon Perkins---04/15/2010 02:34:19 PM---I have the time Brandon Perkins

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▼ Sylvia Kawabata---04/15/2010 02:19:34 PM---yes, Flint Hills refinery

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▼ Brandon Perkins---04/15/2010 01:55:05 PM---Is this the same site ADEC was talking about when they were down in February? Brandon Perkins

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▼ Sylvia Kawabata---04/15/2010 11:43:51 AM---Bradon do you have time for this site? I think for now it is just to keep up on the conversations a

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Bradon do you have time for this site? I think for now it is just to keep up on the conversations and determine if SA has a role in this.

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Bob,  
Sorry about the scattered approach to informing you about this Removal Assessment case. I rec'd a call from RCRA a few weeks ago, indicating that they don't think they have a role in this DEC-lead, groundwater and drinking water contamination site, and therefore they were extracting themselves from the process. They wondered if there might be a Superfund interest. I said that I would assign an OSC to take a look. Then I started receiving a slurry of emails welcoming me to the group. ... I decided I better get the matter referred over to you sooner rather than later. I'm on currently on travel to Phoenix.

I know that Calvin just asked you to take a look at the dry cleaner in Fairbanks as well, so I understand that you'll need to pace yourself on both cases. You may want to coordinate with the DEC lead on this and let them what your time schedule will be for assessing this situation. Feel free to call me to discuss strategy, priorities, jurisdiction, etc. Matt, Earl or Calvin also can help. I'm also copying Sylvia Kawabata incase she wants to assign a Site Assessment Manager (SAM) to take a look at the site with you, to determine NPL interest. Groundwater contamination cases are usually a better fit for the NPL than for the Removal program. But I thought we should at least take a look before we take a position on our Removal jurisdiction. Again, give me call anytime if you want to discuss.  
Thanks.

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Hello. Just wanted to close the loop, as both Robbie and I have been talking to the two of you.

After talking to Ann today, I am comfortable that the RCRA program does not need to be involved in the sulfolane investigations at North Pole refinery. Although we have an open 3008(h) order, the only thing it currently requires is submittal of progress reports, and sulfolane isn't even a hazardous constituent under RCRA. Ann is doing a great job keeping us in the loop via monthly progress reports from the facility, and she will keep me on the distribution list for technical team meeting notes.

It does make sense, though, that EPA be involved. Chris, Robbie said you agreed this was the type of thing we (Superfund) should stay abreast of.

So I am sending this email to be sure you both have each others' contact information.  
If there is any way we (RCRA) can be of help, please don't hesitate to call.  
Thanks! - christy

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